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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS;

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

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Claims 1-38, 45-55, 58, 59 and 63-65 (canceled) SEP 1 5 2003

Claims 40-44 (withdrawn)

Claim 39. (previously presented) A method for finding drug development targets for obesity, osteoporosis, diabetes, osteoarthritis or hypertension comprising;

measuring the level of each protein in a proteome of a body fluid containing protein from a subject having a disease state of obesity, osteoporosis, diabetes, osteoarthritis or hypertension,

comparing the level of each protein to the level in a control body fluid,
determining which proteins are found in a statistically significant different amount
compared to the control thereby indicating them to be protein markers, and

determining which of the protein markers is involved in the same metabolic pathway as said disease state, thereby indicating these to be drug development targets.

Claim 56. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein said body fluid and said control body fluid are from one or more genetically identical individuals.

Claim 57. (amended) The method of claim 56 wherein the individuals are a human.

Claim 60. (amended) A method of identifying markers diagnostic, prognostic, indicative of appropriate therapy for a disease state or monitoring response to therapy, comprising;

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- a) obtaining a body fluid from a subject having a disease state of obesity, osteoporosis, diabetes, osteoarthritis or hypertension,
 - b) determining levels of proteins in the proteome in said body fluid,
- c) comparing the levels of each protein in said proteome to levels of a corresponding protein in a control body fluid from a subject not having the disease state or a control standard,
- d) determining which proteins have statistically significantly higher or lower levels in each body fluid,

wherein said markers have a statistically significantly higher or lower level in a comparison between the two body fluid fluids.

Claim 61. (previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein said body fluid and said control body fluid are from one or more genetically identical individuals.

Claim 63 62. (amended) The method of claim 61 wherein the individuals are human.

Claim 66. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein statistically significant is determined as a p<0.01.

Claim 67. (previously presented) The method of claim 66 wherein statistically significant is determined as a p<0.001.

Claim 68. (previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein statistically significant is determined as a p<0.01.

Claim 69. (previously presented) The method of claim 68 wherein statistically significant is determined as a p<0.001.

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Claim 70. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the disease state is obesity, osteoporosis, diabetes or osteoarthritis.

Claim 71. (previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the disease state is obesity, osteoporosis, diabetes or osteoarthritis.

Claim 72. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 further comprising fractionating the body fluid before said measuring the level of each protein in a proteome.

Claim 73. (previously presented) The method of claim 72 wherein said fractionating specifically removes one or more preselected proteins from the body fluid.

Claim 74. (previously presented) The method of claim 60 further comprising fractionating the body fluid before said determining levels of proteins in the proteome.

Claim 75. (previously presented) The method of claim 74 wherein said fractionating specifically removes one or more preselected proteins from the body fluid.

Claim 76. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the body fluid is a fraction of blood.

Claim 77. (previously presented) The method of claim 60 wherein the body fluid is a fraction of blood.